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Ambulance Fee Schedule - CY 2006 Update: Correction to CR 4061

Note: This article was revised to contain web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers of ambulance services billing Medicare carriers and fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for those services

Provider Action Needed

This article is for your information only. It references CR4362, which provides the correct Ambulance Fee Schedule File for Calendar Year (CY) 2006.

Background

CR4061, "Ambulance Inflation Factor for CY 2006" (released November 25, 2005), contained an incorrect file name for the CY 2006 Ambulance Fee Schedule File. CR4362, from which this article is taken, corrects that file name. It also amends the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 15 (Ambulance), Section 20.6 (Update Charges), SubSection 20.6.1 (Ambulance Inflation Factor [AIF]), to reflect this correction.

Your carriers and FIs will use this corrected file to determine the payment limit for ambulance services that you furnish during CY 2006. Of most importance to providers/suppliers, rather than process CY 2006 ambulance service claims using the incorrect file name contained in CR 4061, the carriers and FIs will hold these claims until the corrected file can be downloaded and used. In the event they processed any CY2006 ambulance claims using the incorrect file, the carriers and FIs will do mass adjustments of those claims to correct the payments.

Additional Information

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You can find more information about the corrected Ambulance Inflation Factor file name by going to the official instruction (CR 4362) issued to your carrier/intermediary. That instruction is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R852CP.pdf> on the CMS web site. In addition, you can learn more about the Ambulance Inflation Factor for CY 2006 in MLN Matters article MM4061, which you can find by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/mm4061.pdf> on the CMS web site.

Finally, if you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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